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REPORT ON WELL COMPLETIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

Wells actually completed in the current month may not be reported until several months later. The chart shown below illustrates the cumulative number of well completions for the current month and each of the eleven prior months, as now reported to the API. For comparison purposes, a corresponding curve describes the data, as then reported to the API, for the same twelve-month period a year ago.

These data are preliminary and subject to revision. The number of wells shown in the chart excludes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. The geographic distribution for wells and footage is not published on a monthly basis, but is available from the API's "Quarterly Completion Report."

Cumulative Number of Wells Reported as Completed
For Each of the Past 12 Months

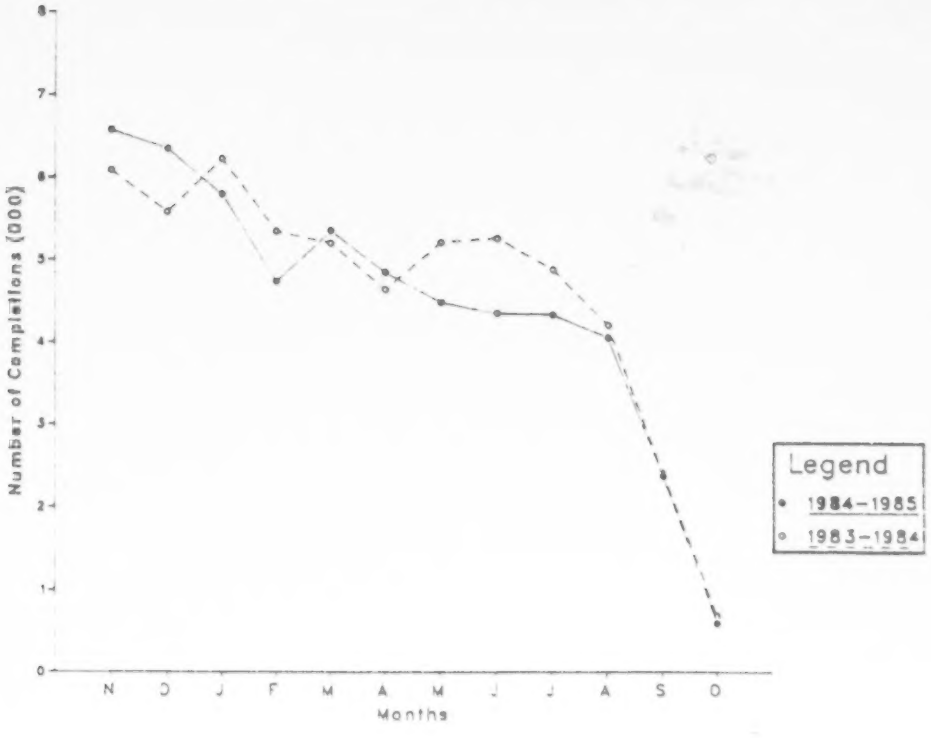

TABLE I: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF OCTOBER 31, 1985[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS[4]	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	20,589	86,480,824	7,598	42,760,669	12,742	65,109,334	40,929	194,350,827	41,848	197,540,182
1985: OCT	244	1,244,557	63	345,920	289	1,655,817	596	3,246,294	601	3,256,368
SEP	1,195	5,102,776	340	2,065,722	833	4,260,983	2,368	11,429,481	2,397	11,502,784
AUG	2,119	8,561,864	661	3,605,731	1,277	6,171,732	4,057	18,339,327	4,099	18,467,462
JUL	2,165	8,678,841	808	4,470,005	1,364	6,600,894	4,337	19,749,740	4,425	20,001,378
JUN	2,229	9,039,729	815	4,351,054	1,310	6,300,759	4,354	19,691,542	4,465	20,111,656
MAY	2,291	9,946,788	800	4,462,813	1,396	7,209,362	4,487	21,618,963	4,620	22,126,276
APR	2,486	10,439,964	854	5,007,588	1,508	7,717,247	4,848	23,164,799	4,949	23,496,304
MAR	2,688	11,493,788	1,023	5,892,858	1,642	8,232,890	5,353	25,619,536	5,494	26,055,940
FEB	2,353	10,204,247	1,025	5,851,255	1,357	7,287,947	4,735	23,343,449	4,859	23,759,917
JAN	2,819	11,768,270	1,209	6,707,723	1,766	9,671,703	5,794	28,147,696	5,939	28,762,097
TOTAL 1984	39,714	154,049,566	15,482	83,338,670	23,669	113,945,034	78,865	351,333,270	80,771	356,595,068
1984: DEC	3,093	11,822,406	1,334	6,891,528	1,921	9,923,845	6,348	28,637,779	6,476	29,042,113
NOV	3,290	12,507,163	1,434	7,255,037	1,850	9,259,215	6,574	29,021,415	6,714	29,451,472
OCT	3,321	13,477,947	1,420	7,555,957	1,918	9,211,964	6,659	30,245,868	6,856	30,852,968
SEP	3,270	12,317,923	1,299	6,794,394	1,951	9,140,273	6,520	28,252,590	6,647	28,600,106
AUG	3,514	13,108,978	1,464	7,691,411	2,374	10,814,252	7,352	31,614,641	7,520	32,121,853
JUL	3,593	13,644,781	1,310	7,183,317	2,176	9,942,974	7,079	30,771,072	7,235	31,223,204
JUN	3,538	13,169,855	1,373	7,181,370	2,238	10,170,135	7,149	30,521,360	7,316	30,959,379
MAY	3,436	13,400,056	1,254	6,946,703	1,882	9,178,767	6,572	29,525,526	6,730	29,908,048
APR	3,019	11,479,609	935	5,566,682	1,646	8,181,844	5,600	25,228,135	5,789	25,668,789
MAR	3,200	12,972,020	1,081	6,536,244	1,730	8,704,413	6,011	28,212,677	6,184	28,639,265
FEB	3,133	12,577,631	1,244	6,616,312	1,751	8,740,813	6,128	27,934,756	6,276	28,351,320
JAN	3,307	13,571,197	1,334	7,119,715	2,232	10,676,539	6,873	31,367,451	7,028	31,776,551
TOTAL 1983	35,859	133,279,585	13,973	74,721,098	22,976	101,730,382	72,808	309,731,065	74,785	314,406,843
1983: DEC	2,954	11,268,993	1,296	6,573,280	1,909	9,170,111	6,159	27,012,384	6,302	27,373,098
NOV	3,209	12,302,922	1,250	6,133,045	2,112	9,728,906	6,571	28,164,873	6,746	28,601,584
OCT	3,250	12,383,531	1,384	6,852,654	2,153	9,524,863	6,787	28,761,048	6,957	29,176,160
SEP	3,184	11,684,342	1,241	6,427,696	1,975	8,398,352	6,400	26,510,390	6,572	26,864,930
AUG	3,356	11,764,544	1,314	6,595,880	2,067	8,487,752	6,737	26,848,176	6,959	27,420,553
JUL	3,038	10,818,333	1,083	5,673,184	1,953	8,118,645	6,074	24,610,162	6,250	25,001,488
JUN	2,858	10,392,413	1,033	5,845,113	1,855	7,330,950	5,746	23,568,476	5,917	23,915,591
MAY	2,635	10,378,609	935	5,488,186	1,720	7,572,646	5,290	23,439,441	5,473	23,903,514
APR	2,554	9,825,117	869	5,188,805	1,555	7,163,725	4,978	22,177,647	5,100	22,466,018
MAR	2,864	11,024,824	1,070	6,114,425	1,839	8,499,207	5,773	25,638,456	5,935	25,970,865
FEB	2,539	9,651,119	1,083	6,048,677	1,719	7,808,824	5,341	23,508,620	5,460	23,815,386
JAN	3,418	11,784,838	1,415	7,780,153	2,119	9,926,401	6,952	29,491,392	7,114	29,897,656
TOTAL 1982	38,290	146,416,393	18,565	104,391,760	25,477	121,101,600	82,332	371,909,753	84,543	377,170,694
TOTAL 1981	42,770	169,286,455	19,875	106,353,606	27,228	132,731,148	89,873	408,371,209	92,254	414,222,696

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TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF OCTOBER 31, 1985[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	1,192	6,894,758	743	4,862,059	5,789	32,482,328	7,724	44,239,145
1985: OCT	13	94,440	4	11,180	130	827,060	147	932,680
SEP	54	270,950	22	132,817	394	2,053,876	470	2,457,643
AUG	119	685,104	52	301,316	570	3,008,028	741	3,994,448
JUL	107	596,271	66	389,837	604	3,212,716	777	4,198,824
JUN	102	540,245	78	575,716	580	2,951,210	760	4,067,171
MAY	141	808,562	103	641,250	610	3,450,891	854	4,900,703
APR	130	696,496	94	648,172	674	3,897,518	898	5,242,186
MAR	172	1,061,327	86	586,736	720	4,094,148	978	5,742,211
FEB	162	1,007,923	106	713,092	667	3,928,307	935	5,649,322
JAN	192	1,133,440	132	861,943	840	5,058,574	1,164	7,053,957
TOTAL 1984	2,262	12,285,156	1,507	9,448,950	10,738	57,351,145	14,507	79,085,251
1984: DEC	143	754,056	99	528,042	930	5,390,212	1,172	6,672,310
NOV	174	950,356	98	588,049	837	4,674,246	1,109	6,212,651
OCT	162	834,770	135	880,301	926	4,730,582	1,223	6,445,653
SEP	213	1,174,397	123	825,765	875	4,500,427	1,211	6,500,589
AUG	181	968,256	120	785,725	1,029	5,428,094	1,330	7,182,075
JUL	189	985,072	148	959,426	1,034	5,134,263	1,371	7,078,761
JUN	194	1,098,077	130	753,662	1,044	5,232,215	1,368	7,083,954
MAY	215	1,179,396	132	815,187	821	4,508,229	1,168	6,502,812
APR	152	893,125	99	677,072	742	4,020,233	993	5,590,430
MAR	212	1,180,296	148	1,009,398	729	4,124,182	1,089	6,313,876
FEB	198	1,104,231	145	852,132	792	4,419,793	1,135	6,376,156
JAN	229	1,163,124	130	774,191	979	5,188,669	1,338	7,125,984
TOTAL 1983	2,096	10,457,717	1,627	10,122,368	9,885	47,978,912	13,608	68,558,997
1983: DEC	151	742,399	123	752,332	812	4,228,016	1,086	5,722,747
NOV	169	828,349	111	686,553	924	4,467,397	1,204	5,982,299
OCT	202	1,061,410	135	812,826	915	4,435,728	1,252	6,309,964
SEP	174	860,222	132	778,503	887	4,028,671	1,193	5,667,396
AUG	183	785,072	135	780,256	872	3,832,356	1,190	5,397,684
JUL	179	821,521	130	725,264	827	3,665,723	1,136	5,212,508
JUN	165	797,001	130	841,296	828	3,540,314	1,123	5,178,611
MAY	158	910,175	149	983,929	770	3,790,937	1,077	5,685,041
APR	177	870,476	131	858,033	639	3,322,054	947	5,050,563
MAR	174	933,550	147	878,954	770	4,073,417	1,091	5,885,921
FEB	170	922,628	145	972,962	702	3,711,093	1,017	5,606,683
JAN	194	924,914	159	1,051,460	939	4,883,206	1,292	6,859,580
TOTAL 1982	2,458	13,394,260	2,146	14,637,733	11,146	60,073,121	15,750	88,105,114
TOTAL 1981	2,667	15,436,606	2,530	17,027,626	12,284	68,793,797	17,481	101,258,029

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TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS[1] BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR REPORTED TO THE API DURING OCTOBER 1985

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[4] CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	2,668	10,192,652	1,106	5,656,600	1,606	7,862,320	5,380	23,711,572	5,482	24,019,788
1985: OCT	244	1,244,557	63	345,920	289	1,655,817	596	3,246,294	601	3,256,368
SEP	968	4,122,111	286	1,702,707	559	2,702,200	1,813	8,527,018	1,831	8,577,491
AUG	702	2,370,939	262	1,296,457	335	1,621,177	1,299	5,288,573	1,313	5,334,804
JUL	236	803,404	109	550,081	161	757,527	506	2,111,012	527	2,167,349
JUN	150	435,571	78	386,485	70	258,104	298	1,080,160	307	1,103,833
MAY	105	407,653	61	279,860	54	235,250	220	922,763	229	963,462
APR	83	207,277	90	360,854	37	156,778	210	724,909	213	733,581
MAR	60	273,334	73	343,273	37	200,347	170	817,004	183	856,050
FEB	60	158,457	42	205,880	28	139,085	130	503,422	135	519,683
JAN	60	169,349	42	185,083	36	135,985	138	490,417	143	507,187
TOTAL 1984	408	1,004,963	177	785,021	163	531,375	748	2,321,359	797	2,416,474
1984: DEC	54	168,017	61	251,994	35	143,930	150	563,941	152	571,079
NOV	50	112,852	26	114,356	14	44,655	90	271,863	99	297,485
OCT	55	131,697	18	86,997	29	107,058	102	325,752	118	342,960
SEP	55	119,153	18	59,226	20	39,379	93	217,758	98	229,083
AUG	43	120,029	8	34,232	19	41,432	70	195,693	76	207,510
JUL	46	87,165	11	71,609	3	12,400	60	171,174	61	171,798
JUN	34	97,076	7	30,017	9	37,331	50	164,424	54	171,369
MAY	28	72,473	12	61,567	11	41,495	51	175,535	51	175,535
APR	16	29,462	1	24,745	4	11,353	21	65,560	24	69,020
MAR	14	31,783	2	12,297	6	12,402	22	56,482	22	56,482
FEB	8	24,831	6	21,039	9	20,990	23	66,860	27	77,166
JAN	5	10,425	5	16,942	4	18,950	14	46,317	15	46,987
TOTAL 1983	82	155,673	19	80,769	45	127,633	146	364,075	152	386,015
1983: DEC	9	26,844	2	4,655	5	12,555	16	44,054	16	44,054
NOV	14	21,014	2	12,578	3	12,625	19	46,217	20	46,913
OCT	3	11,644	2	10,968	6	13,782	11	36,394	14	52,123
SEP	2	7,260	0	0	5	24,543	7	31,803	8	34,865
AUG	5	6,454	3	9,146	2	4,590	10	20,190	10	20,190
JUL	22	23,156	1	2,205	7	18,010	30	43,371	30	43,371
JUN	5	20,555	1	4,215	2	4,295	8	29,065	8	29,065
MAY	3	16,239	1	5,699	2	6,998	6	28,936	6	28,936
APR	4	11,158	0	0	3	2,925	7	14,083	8	16,536
MAR	0	0	2	12,095	3	12,117	5	24,212	5	24,212
FEB	3	3,760	1	1,211	3	4,060	7	9,031	7	9,031
JAN	12	7,589	4	17,997	4	11,133	20	36,719	20	36,719
TOTAL 1982	37	63,322	11	46,640	23	48,304	71	158,266	73	165,111
YRS PRIOR TO 1982	48	93,552	23	99,598	15	33,668	86	226,818	87	230,668
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[5]	3,243	11,510,162	1,336	6,668,628	1,852	8,603,300	6,431	26,782,090	6,591	27,218,056

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE I AND TABLE II:

1. The cumulative number of wells reported in this table is the total number of wells included in the API database for each of the months and years shown, as of October 31, 1985. These data are preliminary and subject to further revisions.

2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.

3. Includes multiple completion wells which produce gas from all zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well. Gas wells also include so-called condensate wells.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. (Not applicable to Table II.)

TABLES III:

1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.

2. See footnote (2) above.

3. See footnote (3) above.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.

5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period October 1, 1985 through October 31, 1985. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.